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rural brain trust. But right now they are making a very profound impression on me this evening. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: (Laughter) I came in at the right moment; I can see that. I told...you know, selfish is a nasty word and certainly all of us are guilty of being selfish at one time or another in our life, I'm sure. If you don't think so, why, ask your wife or your mother and you find out that all of us have selfish interests. I told Senator Beutler that I would support this proposal for aid if he would leave Sarpy County and Douglas County together. And that's a selfish thing. It's selfish because I interpret this to mean that we could have a commissioner in Douglas County and a commissioner in Sarpy County across the line from one another and still not have any representation in southeast Nebraska. I was pleased that Lancaster County was moved out of our district simply because we've not been able to get a commissioner from that part of the state. And regardless of what Senator Chambers says, I think that the fact that the hunting and fishing and all of the wildlife are supported by rural Nebraska, that's pretty evident because that's where they live and that's where they feed. And some of you who have never experienced deer destroying crops may not know what we're talking about but it actually happens. It happens to a greater extent than some people, particularly where I come from. I'm not hung up on any one of these amendments except that I think that the proper distribution would be to put Sarpy County and Douglas County back together like they were and let the rest of the district be as rural as the rest of the state is. And I suspect in reality unless the Legislature decides to override an appointment in future years, that wherever they come from, wherever they're appointed from, they'll stay there unless the Legislature decides to override some appointment at some time, which isn't probably very likely. But...my position is, I was pleased to see what Senator Beutler was trying to do but I...he didn't go quite far enough. And so at this point I'm...I have mixed emotions about whether I should support this or not but I don't want to take any more of the time. That's all I have to say. Thank you.